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Re: Application of Ryuji IZUMOTO, Kazuma NAKAZAWA,  
Fumitaka INO and Narukuni HIRATA entitled  
"RUNFLAT TIRE SUPPORT BODY AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND RUNFLAT TIRE"  
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION  
Our Reference: Q86960

Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the subject application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ fourteen (14) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1-3, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5-7, 8A, 8B, 8C, 9, 10, 11A, 11B and 12-14.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595.
- ☒ a copy of the English translation of the Written Opinion.
- ☒ copies of the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **It is expressly requested that National Stage processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §371(f).**



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In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is presumed that copies of any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by 35 U.S.C. §371(c), were supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if additional copies are required, the undersigned attorney will supply the same upon request.

**Subsequent to entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment**, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>24</u>	-	20	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>\$200.00</u>
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Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
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Examination Fee*									<u>\$200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FILING FEES DUE</b>									<u>\$1,900.00</u>
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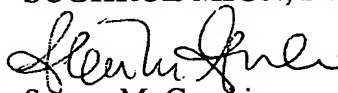
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Checks for the statutory filing fees of \$1,900.00 and the Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-269,442	September 17, 2002
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Title: RUN-FLAT TIRE SUPPORT METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND RUN-FLAT TIRE (as amended)

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